

# Safer Taylor Street



The Safer Taylor Street project is a critical component of the City's Vision Zero goal to eliminate all traffic deaths. From 2011 to 2016, there were 109 collisions on this segment of Taylor Street from Market to Sutter streets, 69 of which involved pedestrians and cyclists. This means, on average, each month one person walking or biking is injured in a traffic collision within the project area. Therefore, this represents a disproportionately higher collision rate relative to the rest of San Francisco. In collaboration with Tenderloin residents, merchants, social services and advocacy groups, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has developed a new vision for Taylor Street between Market Street and Sutter Street that improves transportation safety and livability for all users of this corridor.

## Timeline

This project is using a phased approach to bring comprehensive safety improvements to Taylor Street, starting with the installation of quick-build traffic safety improvements while SFMTA and San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) continue to design streetscape elements (including sidewalk widening, landscaping, lighting, and more).

- 2017 & 2018 - Planning
- Summer 2019 - Quick-Build Implementation
- 2019 - Detailed Design
- 2020 - Construction Begins

## SFMTA Quick-Build Strategy

Safer Taylor Street is part of the SFMTA's Quick-Build Program, which seeks to streamline project delivery and installing critical safety improvements more quickly, especially at locations with a history of severe or fatal crashes. The core elements of a quick-build project include:

- Uses low-cost and reversible materials (e.g., paint, posts and signs) that can be installed quickly without lengthy construction contracts
- Thorough evaluation and reporting, including user surveys and field observations to determine whether the project goals are met
- Iterative adjustment based on evaluation results to ensure the best possible final design



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Implementation of quick-build traffic safety improvements to protect vulnerable road users, including people walking, seniors, children, and people with disabilities, on Taylor Street between Market Street and Sutter Street is complete! These changes were primarily installed on the roadway using paint markings, signs, and signal timing. Quick-build changes were implemented summer 2019 in advance of the larger streetscape project and bring us closer to meeting the City's Vision Zero commitment to eliminate all traffic related fatalities and severe injuries.

## What's new

### Travel Lane Reduction

The number of traffic lanes on Taylor Street between Market Street and Sutter Street was reduced while accommodating existing traffic volumes and encouraging safer travel speeds. At every intersection, turn lanes were added to further facilitate right or left turns.

### Wide Loading & Parking Buffers

Areas next to on-street loading and parking lanes were painted with hatch marks. This buffer area provides more ease and flexibility for drivers of accessible vans, commercial delivery trucks, and other vehicle types to access the loading and parking lane.

### Left Turn Signal

A left turn arrow was installed at the intersection of Taylor Street and Ellis Street to separate pedestrians crossing the street from drivers turning left. People crossing Ellis Street on the west leg of the intersection have their own exclusive time to cross while drivers have a separate time to turn left from northbound Taylor Street onto westbound Ellis Street.

### Left Turn Restriction

No left turns are allowed from northbound Taylor Street onto westbound Eddy Street. This simplifies the intersection and reduces the risk of crashes and injuries here.



### Quick-Build Implementation



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